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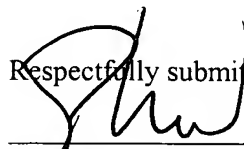
In regard to the above identified application.

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 - b) U.S. PTO 1449 Form with copies of 12 references; and
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In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449, copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

1. Stimpson, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,599,668 issued 02/04/97.
2. Alvisatos, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,751,018 issued 05/12/98.
3. Weiss, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,990,479 issued 11/23/99.

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4. International Application No. WO 92/04469, published 03/19/92.
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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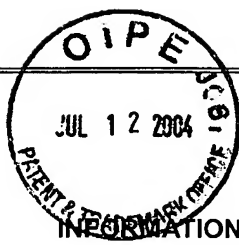
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